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Letter dated 7 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to bring to the attention of the Security Council and enclose herewith the statement by the Government of the Republic of Korea on 3 March 2016 on the adoption of Security Council resolution 2270 (2016) on North Korea (annex I), as well as the commentary by the spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea on 5 March 2016 on the statements by the spokespersons of North Korea's Government and Foreign Ministry on 4 March 2016 (annex II).

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter and the enclosed statements issued as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex I to the letter dated 7 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Statement by the Government of the Republic of Korea on the adoption of the Security Council resolution on North Korea*

1. The Government of the Republic of Korea welcomes and supports the Security Council's unanimous adoption today of the resolution with the strongest-ever sanctions against North Korea.

2. This historic Security Council resolution adopted today is the manifestation of the international community's firm resolve that North Korea's repeated nuclear tests and long-range missile launches will no longer be tolerated, and that North Korea should be made to completely rethink and change its flawed calculus by paying a high price for its provocations against the international community in violation of Security Council resolutions.

3. The Government of the Republic of Korea will make every effort necessary for the smooth and thorough implementation of the resolution, including in cooperation with all of the United Nations Member States, and will further strengthen international cooperation to have North Korea abandon its nuclear programme in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner.

4. The Government of the Republic of Korea sternly warns North Korea that it must meet the international community's demands expressed in the Security Council resolution and take the steps towards denuclearization, and should North Korea undertake yet another extreme provocation while continuing to completely disregard the livelihoods of its people, it will face more severe consequences.

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Annex II to the letter dated 7 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Commentary by the spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea on the 4 March statements by the spokespersons of North Korea's Government and Foreign Ministry*

1. North Korea, in the statements by the spokespersons of the Government and the Foreign Ministry on 4 March, declared that it totally rejects Security Council resolution 2270 (2016) and will take countermeasures, thereby manifesting its intention not to abandon its delusion about nuclear development.

2. This demonstrates that North Korea has chosen to disregard the international community's resolution, unanimously adopted by the States members of the Security Council, and to go against the international community's wish for peace on the Korean Peninsula and the whole world, which constitutes a head-on challenge to the unified resolve of the international community.

3. In response to such reckless actions by North Korea, the Government of the Republic of Korea will make North Korea wake up from its delusion about nuclear development through strong and effective measures. The ROK Government has already stated that it will no longer tolerate the exploitation of its own people and the extreme and brutal reign of terror for the maintenance of the Kim Jong-un regime.

4. The ROK Government, by maintaining a stronger-than-ever defence posture and closely cooperating with the international community, will respond to North Korea's provocations and resistance.

5. The ROK Government hopes that North Korea abandons its nuclear weapons development and takes the path of peace, which is the wish of the international community, including the United Nations. In addition, the ROK Government once again strongly urges North Korea to wake up from the delusion that nuclear weapons will protect its regime and to immediately choose the path of sincere change for denuclearization.

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